

MEETING MINUTES

November 14, 2018

Members Present: Cynthia DeAngelis, Paul Raia, Paul Czech, Darcy Devney, Karen Mathiasen, Michael Rademacher

Members Absent: Kerrie Fallon, Liza Molina, Maureen St. Hilaire

Meeting Minutes October 17, 2018:

Michael Rademacher made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2018 with the addition of adding the names of two guests that were at the October 17, 2018 Meeting. Cynthia DeAngelis seconded the motion with the correction.

Discussion Regarding Tax Abatements:

Jack Jones said that he received an inquiry about Tax Abatements from a resident with a disability. The residents concern is that her disability will not qualify her for a Tax Abatement but that at least one other disability would qualify an individual for a Tax Abatement. Commission Members agreed that this is an issue that should be addressed with the Assessor's Office and is beyond the scope of what the Commission on Disability should be involved with.

Housing Issues:

The Commission discussed issues presented from a few residents regarding concerns with their subsidized housing units. Michael Rademacher said that these concerns are beyond the jurisdiction of the Commission on Disability. Paul Czech recommended that residents of subsidized housing that are complaining of code violations should consider hiring an attorney to represent them.

Update on Parking Fines:

Paul Czech said that he has not heard back from the Town regarding the letter that was sent to the Town Manager. Cynthia DeAngelis said that because she signed the letter she will follow up on this letter in early November.

Commission Retreat:

Cynthia DeAngelis said that at the January 2019 Meeting the Commission should spend approximately 30 minutes planning for a Retreat in 2019

Other Business:

Paul Raia commented about the difficulty of depth perception in walking down the stairs located at the Town Hall Balcony. Paul Raia recommended placing a red strip on these stairs. Michael Rademacher said that he would look into this safety concern.

Cynthia DeAngelis said that the following issues should be discussed at the January 2019 Meeting.

- (1) Fines from violations of handicapped parking.
- (2) Access issues at Arlington Town Hall.
- (3) Unified athletics as discussed by Paul Raia.
- (4) 2019 Retreat.

Cynthia DeAngelis suggested that for the December Meeting members should bring a grab of approximately ten dollars. There will be a brief meeting with the last half of this meeting members ordering Asian food. In addition Cynthia will bring cookies, and Jack will provide diet coke, water, and a desert.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 P.M.

